

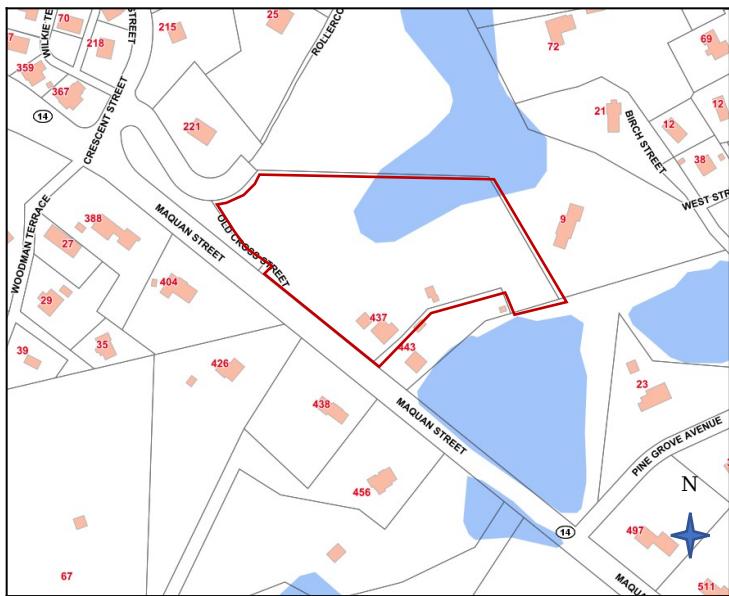
FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Number

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Town/City: Hanson

Place: (neighborhood or village):

Address: 437 Maquan Street

Historic Name: Edward and Deborah Stevens House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential
Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1830

Source: White's History, Plan No.

Style/Form: Federal/Cape

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle/ Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Two-car, gable-end garage to the west of the house (ca. mid-twentieth century)

Major Alterations (with dates): Small rear addition

Condition: Good

Moved: no

yes **Date:**

Acreage: 2.84 Acres

Setting: Located in a residential section of Hanson primarily characterized by single family homes on increasingly large lots to the east of the town center and commercial district on the east of Maquan Pond.

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story Cape style house has an asphalt shingled gable roof with a narrow painted and parged chimney at the center of the roof ridge and a second brick chimney with a wide corbeled top running up the east gable-end. The house sits relatively close to the road on an open lot surrounded by mature trees and vegetation to the west and north and has a low cross-gable addition in the northeast corner of the north façade. The house is wood shingle sided with wood trim and one-over-one double hung aluminum replacement windows throughout. The roof of the house overhangs the gable facades only slightly with wood trimmed eaves and soffits which project out over the wood shingled facade and corner boards below. The roof ends flush with the gable-end facades, where a narrow band of wood trim outlines the pediment. The wood window frames have headers that are slightly wider than the sides of the frames and narrow, projecting sills. Many of the double hung windows are surrounded by working wood shutters and window box hooks are located below the windows on the south façade.

The house faces south towards the street and has a symmetrical front facade with two windows to either side of the center entrance. The door frame has a wide, flat header that extends up to the soffits and around the wide, flat boards to either side of the paneled wood door. The wood door has two panes of glass in its upper edge and opens onto a short granite landing leading to a curving brick walkway that ends at the asphalt paved driveway to the west of the house. The north and south gable-ends of the house are similar in design. On the east façade, the gable end has a single window over two windows to either side of the first floor façade. On the west façade, a window is located on each floor to either side of the central chimney. The one-story, cross gable roofed addition to the north façade is flush with the west façade in this corner but extends the façade out only a few feet under a roof with projecting eaves similar to the front façade.

To the west of the house, a large two-car garage is located at the north end of the driveway. The garage has a tall gable-end façade and vertical wood board siding. A single long wood paneled overhead door is located on the south side of the garage with a row of glass panes along its second row. A prefabricated, gable-end roofed shed is also located to the northeast of the house. A low cobblestone wall runs along the street to either side of the driveway and along part of the driveway's east side. To the east of the driveway, a painted wood picket fence runs above the stone wall to the south of the house. The fence only extends a few feet beyond the south property line on either side, and a wood hedge runs along the rest of the east property line to a wood board privacy fence along the northern half of the east property line. A deck is visible around the northeast corner of the house which extends south into a paved patio area between the house and the garage. A wood board fence at the southwest corner of the house partially screens this area from the street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to White's *History of Hanson*, this house was built for Edward Stevens at the event of his marriage to Deborah Walker (1798-1890) of Marshfield in 1831. The house was in place in time for the 1830 Smith Plan which

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lists "E. Stevens" as the owner of the site. Edward Stevens (1784-1859) was born in Hanson to Nathan (1744-1839) and Rebecca (Leavitt) Stevens(1747-1815) and had previously married Mary Smith (1783-1828) in Pembroke in 1809. Edward appears to have remained in Pembroke with his first wife, moving to the family farm after her death. The earliest record for the property is Edward's purchase of the farm from his father in 1830, which suggests that the house or other farm buildings were already in place at that time.¹ A farmer, Edward lived here until his death in 1859. Deborah continued to live on the property through the early 1880s and is shown living here on the 1879 Walker Atlas as "Mrs. D. Stevens." In 1884, her son, Albert W. Stevens(1835-1910), sold the house to E.Y. Perry, who sold it that same years to John S. and Charlotte T. Hobill.²

By the 1900 U.S. Census, Charlotte was listed as a widow living on the farm with her daughter, Florence, and son Earnest, who worked as a sawyer at the box mill. Charlotte sold the property in 1901 to George Gadd.³ George and Mary A. Gadd as well as their son, Arthur, had immigrated from England around 1890. The 1903 Richards Atlas shows the site as belonging to "Geo. Gad" and shows two smaller outbuilding to the north and west of the house. George ran a general farm on the site which Arthur worked on as well. After George's death in 1916, Arthur sold the property to John and Carrie Swan of Brockton.⁴ After John's death, Carrie Swann sold the property in 1922 to Annie B. and I. Joseph Sanville.⁵ Isaac Joseph Sanville(1883-1941) was from Vermont who had married Annie B. McHamara in Malden in 1909 and worked as a barber with his own barber shop. Annie sold the farm in 1941 to Jamar Sword of New York, who subdivided the property and sold the house lot the following year to Frank and Annie Briggeman of Boston.⁶ Frank owned his own plumbing business in Boston before retiring to Hanson where he died in 1952. The property passed to Annie and her daughter, Ellen E. Donovan, who sold the property in 1973 to Allen B. and Linda M. Jordan.⁷ The Jordans sold the property to Dennis and Claire Bizer in 1976. Claire Bizer continues to own the property today.

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¹ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 170, Page 11

² Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 505, Page 363; Book 539, Page 266

³ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 814, Page 536

⁴ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1251, Page 555

⁵ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1416, Page 451

⁶ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1812, Page 501; Book 1835, Page 403

⁷ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 3943, Page 500

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